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WELCOME TO THE NORN!

Gentle lords and ladies, you are holding in your hands a copy of the premiere issue of the "Norn", a newsletter dedicated to promoting communication in the northern areas of the glorious Kingdom of the Outlands. If you're reading this and don't live here, you either asked for a copy, are the recipient of a complimentary copy, or someone played an April Fool's joke on you and added your name to the list. In any event, we hope that you enjoy the information and news contained herein, and if you feel inspired to contribute, we'd love that, too.

The inspiration for the Norn came about after some discussions that took place on the Outlands electronic mailing list (an excellent resource for those of you that have the time and the electronic access to subscribe) wherein a number of people stated that they would be more inclined to believe in a regional unity if they saw some open evidence of it-such as a newsletter. The newsletter sounded like such a good idea that a number of talented people met and dedicated themselves to producing it.

Why "the Norn"? Well, like anything else a couple of great ideas started simultaneously in different places. There were initially two equally good suggestions for a newsletter name. Upon consultation, the staff for this embryonic publication decided that it wasn't really a good idea to unilaterally choose a name for a newsletter that will ultimately belong to everyone in the area who cares to read and be a part of it; so we decided to hold a "name the newsletter contest" which will be announced in a future issue. (There's even a zoomy prize for the final choice, courtesy of Mistress Leonora and FoxRyde Gardens!) The two suggestions to date will be entered in the contest.

But we still had to have something to call it that was distinctive. So I was sitting mulling this point and staring at my computer files when I noticed something_

Northern Outlands Regional Newsletter....

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I recalled that the Norns were a Norse triad of fury/fate beings and thought that it was a worthwhile suggestion as a temporary holding name; my fellow newsletter staffers agreed that they could be persuaded to use it for the time being. A couple more really like it and would like to see it stay; but heck, I want to win that prize from FoxRyde! So I'm going to enter it in the contest too. Someone out there, somewhere, may well have the best name.

We looked up the Norns and found out a bit more about them; that they spend their time watering the roots of the World Ash Tree, Yggdrasil; and that there are three, whose names mean roughly Fate, Necessity, and Being. The legends conflict a bit in spots, but essentially they sound like cool beings; and then there is this "Northern" thing, you know.

For now, *The Norn* is funded by donations from its staff and other contributors. It is being produced bi-monthly. In a year's time, we plan to go to subscriptions and fundraising. There is most likely a *Norn* distributor in your area.

How can you help? Send us pictures and event chronicles; contribute to our "news and notes" columns. Send us expanded event copy that may be too long to fit in the *OH* in its entirety. Write letters expounding on your opinions. Review books. Send photos (we have a scanner).

We hope you enjoy *The Norn*; despite its auspicious premiere date, we are dedicated to serving the Kingdom of the Outlands by providing a convenient forum for reporting on the doings of its members north of the Raton Pass and keeping them up to date on items of interest in their neighboring groups.

Berengaria

Countess Berengaria de Montfort de Carcassonne, OP
For the NORNstaff

Guest Editorial

Greetings from Sir Akira,

I am honored to be able to comment in this first column on opinions. There is much discussion for and against the ideas of forming a region or a principality. In my opinion, whether you are for the health and growth of a regional identity, or you are for the health and growth of kingdom unity, both goals are somewhat the same, and the efforts to gain both these goals can be worked on beginning in the same place: the local group.

The local group, from the smallest canton, college, or shire, to the largest barony, makes up the lifeblood of the SCA. Without those groups you can't have regions, principalities, or kingdoms; so when your local groups are struggling, infighting, unhealthy, and getting smaller it effects everyone.

Growth is a positive thing and a group should always be looking at old and new ways to recruit new members, and then even more important, to integrate these new folk into the group so that they become self-sufficient, well-adjusted members of the Society. Sometimes this means that the older members need to take a back seat and mentor the younger generation in things like group offices, autocratting, and running activities. The populace needs to retain a sense of excitement, fun, and inclusion in the group. This can happen by rotating the responsibilities and integrating in that new blood. The group needs to keep open lines of communication about issues, positive or negative, and should have a system to address these issues.

Travel can give a group a much broader vision of the SCA, and it brings people together. When you actually get to be there for a distant event and talk to folks face-to-face, the bond of communication becomes much stronger. We need to travel to the local groups that surround us, groups in our region, and within our own kingdom. For those that can afford to, we need to go outside of our kingdom - to exchange ideas and support each other in the growth and ideals of the Society. In all of our travels we have to remember, on returning home, to add these new found ideas and experiences to our own group. And then when it is time to travel again, take others with you! Everyone grows from the experience.

The healthier your local group is, the stronger is the region. The stronger the region, the better the kingdom, and the better the kingdom, then the greater the Society and the Dream that brings us all together.

In Service to the Dream,
Sir Akira
Barony of Unser Hafen
Kingdom of the Outlands

Would You Care to Comment?

Have an opinion? Want to agree or disagree? Write an editorial for the NORN! One or more Guest Editorials will be published in each issue of the NORN. Submissions should be between 500 and 1000 words and can address any issue of SCA or kingdom activity on which you would like to comment. Send your editorial to **norn@rialto.com**, or by postal mail to Mary Morman, 1245 Allegheny Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Plattefordham Pleasantries

from AElfraed Hawkmoon

After several years of semi-morbidity, the (currently) northernmost Shire of the Northlands is dragging itself out of the slumps. At this time the Shire boasts 13 paid members, and a local populace of over 35 interested gentles. Plattefordham will be helping the incipient Shire of Northwolde with a demo on May 2nd, and will be hosting a camping event entitled 'Here There be Dragons' on August 7, 8, and 9. In addition, there are plans afoot to bid on a Kingdom event in 1999, and to expand with more periodically scheduled events.

Current activities in the Shire include heavy weapons practice, armoring workshops, costuming, dance, archery, and beginning scroll making. Demos have been done for schools and clubs as far as 50 miles away. Our Shire has been able to send members to several events, and is looking forward to playing an active role in the north.

Plattefordham held its first meeting as an incipient group in February 1989, and had name and device registered in November 1991.

Caerthan Connections

from Arwen Southernwood

Greetings from the Barony of Caerthe! The good citizens of this gentle barony have been busy this month.

At the Unser Hafen Dance Collegium, three new authorizing marshals were created for Fence. Please congratulate Lady Rivka Vladimirovna Rivkina, Lord Bernajoux du Lac, and Lord Guillaume de Gonzac -- and please don't trample them in your eagerness to get your authorizations!

Members of the Caerthen Consort, along with friends from other places, provided music for the dancers at the event. As always, their playing was most excellent and very much appreciated. They even filled in at the last minute with music for request dancing (which they had not specifically rehearsed), when the alternate "boxed musicians" failed to perform.

During Her Majesty's court, Lady Angelique Rive de Hellsgate was given a Stag's Heart for her many years of service to the Society. Huzzah!

It was noted that THL Gabrielle Cartier was roaming the feast hall looking particulary angelic -- or at least, saintly -- for most of the evening, for a halo seemed to have settled on her head. (Hey, we knew she was good -- we just didn't know HOW good!)

In other news, Mistress Mirianna Wrenne was selling off select bits of her famed fabric stash at recent fighter practices. Those who know of Mirianna's excellent taste were not disappointed by the selection, and many Caerthens will soon be sporting new garb!

Speaking of fighter practice, attendance continues to grow despite cramped conditions at our current site. It is good to see many heavy weapons fighters at practice once again! End-of-the-month tournaments resumed as of the end of March, but at press time, the names of the winners were not yet available. The recent spate of spring weather has many gentles looking forward to having practice out-of-doors.

For those who were not aware, Lady 'Stasia and Lord Ivan are expecting an addition to their family during the month of April. Lady 'Stasia looks to be very busy over the next few months, as not only will she be keeping up with the demands of a newborn, but she will also be looking after the Barony! She will be taking on the duties of the office of Seneschal when THL Roland O'Rourke steps down in April. Huzzah to both incoming and outgoing officers.

The office of Aspen Pursuivant is also changing hands. After many years of faithful service, Lady Richenda Arabella Letellier de Tremont will be stepping down, and Lady Kseniya Mikhailovna Morskaya will be stepping up. Again, huzzah to both!

We are all thinking good thoughts for the speedy recovery of Lady Cecelia Corr Mhaire after her recent gall bladder surgery. We hope to see her up and about soon.

Dragonsspine Doings

from Lady Ilana Amante

Where can you find "Men in Tights", the "Saracen Warrior", and "The Man in the Iron Mask" all in one room? Try the National Guard Armory in Dragonsspine on Monday nights. Our heavy weapons contingent is led by Sir Haroun and THL Ceasan, graced by the beauteous lady Isidora, and overshadowed by Wulfric Broady and Tony, who are vying for tallest fighter in the Outlands. The fashion plates are at the other end of the building, let by Lord Anton, Auguste, martin, and Nicholas (who is in the running for tallest, (most) Outlandish fencer. The ladies are well-represented here by such bright lights as the Lady Alexandria, Lady Diana, the highly capable Lady Jeanette, and Lady Adana, a member of our College of Tygre's Keep. For the less martially inclined, Lord Seamus and THL Brennain conduct drumming classes. The spectators, who occasionally outnumber the other participants, are well entertained by the above-named fighters, fencers, and drummers and their cohorts. And all that is just Mondays!

If you want more activities, you must wait until Tuesday, when you can attend the Baronial Business Meeting, let by Baron Maelmarden, and the seneschal, Lady Ayslynn. If it's the second Tuesday of the month, you can visit Lord Stefan and Lady Serena of House Griffinsgate to learn about brewing (and if you're lucky, sample some excellent homebrew). Third Tuesdays Griffinsgate hosts the heraldry meeting (you can ask for more of the homebrew...). Unfortunately, if you attend the heralds' meeting, you miss the first monthly meeting of the newly formed Costumer's Guild. Fortunately, Lady Lizabet, Lord Volker, and Lady Esabelle have also seen fit to hold a meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday you can dance. Duchess Selene teaches Eastern (*beledi*) dancing in her home. The Exercise is vigorous and the appreciation of the gentlemen present is vocal. For those who prefer a more European approach, Master Kay Delafleur leads a large and diverse group of dancers through their paces. Many of our fencers and some of our fighters are in regular attendance. (The most easily noticed are the aforementioned "tallest" contenders - they do tend to stand out [or up]) in a crowd.) We are even occasionally graced by the "Caerthan Contingent". Mistress Elaina teaches everyone who will listen (and some who try not to...) that the proper response to a dance invitation is "Yes, thank you for asking." Lord Timothy will be happy to demonstrate if you ask him. Dance practice often attracts attention from passersby as up to fifty people go through all sorts of figures in order to return to their starting points.

Thursdays you can choose to join Mistress Maeve for the Scribes' Guild meeting, learn leatherwork with Forrester, or cook with Elaina. From personal experience, I highly recommend attending Cooks' Guild - they pass out samples! The Cooks Guild meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

As the week winds down and we gear up for weekend events, Lady Veronike hosts the Performing Arts Guild on the first and 3rd Friday of each month. The Guild's first performance (at Candlemas) was a big hit. based on a Roman legend, written for the stage by James Qui Connait, and performed by various Dragonsspinians (including a stellar performance as Caesar by Valentine), the pun-filled play was well received. Other activities in which you can participate while in Dragonsspine are armoring (with any of three highly competent armorers), the Celtic Guild, and fiber arts. These activities take place as needed and desired, often by prior appointment.

These activities, along with our many baronial events and the events elsewhere that Dragonsspinians attend (including the recent Dance Collegium in Unser Hafen) keep our members as busy as they care to be. And sometimes busier!

The Collating Contingent

from Mistress Elaina

Our brave and bearded Outlands Chronicler headed south from Caerthe on March 19th to run an OH collating session in Dragonsspine. Out of the goodness of his heart, this generous gentleman allows various groups to share in the fun of collating, stapling, folding, labeling, and mailing the kingdom newsletter. And at this session we were presented with the mechanical ingenuity of Lord Fork in the form of a double duty stapler (actually two staplers) carefully aligned and firmly fixed to a hefty board. It made saddle stapling the newsletters exactly half the usual chore for Kay and Elaina, Samantha and Eric, Alwyn and Tatiana, Signy, Melissa, and, of course, Lord Rüdeger himself.

Book Review

by Countess Berengaria

My Lord Brother the Lionheart, Molly Costain Haycraft, J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1968

This month, I was happily reunited with my own copy of a favorite work of historical fiction from my youth, courtesy of a kind soul on one of the literary mailing lists I frequent. *My Lord Brother the Lionheart* definitely strays a bit over into the "historical romance" genre in that, like most of Ms. Haycraft's other works of fiction, there is a thread running through about the romantic trials of a daughter of one of England's royal families.

This is probably my favorite, though, because the main characters actually go on Crusade with Richard the Lionheart, and there is a great deal of narrative devoted to adventures in the Crusader States of Tyre, Acre, and Jaffa. Like any historical fiction, I caution the reader not to rely solely on the book for any sort of solid historical instruction; a serious Crusades scholar can probably spot many errors of detail in Ms. Haycraft's narrative. However, like any work of good historical fiction, the flavor of the time is very true; the major characters are drawn mostly from historical players on the spot; and Ms. Haycraft doesn't pull any punches about the fact that Richard the Lionheart committed some vile and unexplainable acts at odds with his initial Crusading zeal, and that he was often not a likable person. What little work I have done on the Crusades confirm that most of the incidents Ms. Haycraft wrote about are in fact cited in the chronicles.

For those of you familiar with Duke Conn MacNeill's song with the chorus, "I'm for the Holy Land sailing...", the book deals with a number of the incidents mentioned in the song: Richard's dispute with the bastard usurper of the Crown of Sicily, Tancred, over the dowry of his widowed sister Joanna (the narrator of the tale-for it is in main her story, as well as that of her brother as seen through her eyes); the refusal of the King of Cyprus to allow Richard's betrothed queen, Berengaria of Navarre, to land on his island kingdom, and Richard's subsequent seizure of the Crown of Cyprus by way of retaliation; and the ultimate failure of the Crusade to obtain more than a truce with Saladin. The writer also deals tastefully and carefully with the issue of Richard's lackluster marriage to Berengaria, presenting him as basically too occupied with matters of crusading and kingship to be much interested in being a good husband; she doesn't write any scenes showing Richard as obviously homosexual, but does mention his fondness for singing and playing music with Blondel le Nesle, a troubadour who may or may not have been a real person, but was mentioned and associated with Richard as his favorite singing partner and possibly a more intimate connection as well. Given the audience of the book, and the year in which it was written, it's not surprising that Ms. Haycraft chose a less sensational approach; she does not convey her own belief or judgment one way or the other on Richard's sexual preferences, because they're not really germane to the story.

I'd recommend this book for a great light read that can serve as a bridge to interest one in further serious scholarship about the time and the history used as the basis for the story. As you can tell by the publication date, it's not out on the shelves right now, but many public libraries I've visited have had it in their collection; it can also be found in used bookstores and through bookfinder services on the WWW.

Some Books for Children

by Mistress Elaina

One of the best and easiest ways to interest children in the time period of the SCA is to read aloud to them from some of the excellent children's books about life in the Middle Ages. Here are some that I especially recommend.

Marguerite DeAngeli	***The Door in the Wall*** *
Elizabeth Gray	***Adam of the Road*** *
Cynthia Harnett	***The Wool Pack*** ***A Load of Unicorn***
Eric Kelly	***The Trumpeter of Krakow*** *
E.L. Konigsburg	***A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver***
Margaret Leighton	***Journey for a Princess***
Mary Stewart	***A Walk in the Wolf Wood***
Rosemary Sutcliff	***Knight's Fee***
Henry Treece	***Red Falcons of Tremayne***

* Newbery Award winners

Banner Wars - A Challenge!

Warriors, Dualists, Archers, prepare for battle, for the season for reeving is upon us. This summer get a chance to have all your fighters, fencers, and archers defend your homeland or go visit others. The purpose behind the raids is to encourage people to go to their local practices and to visit others. To participate each group needs to have:

1. a regular practice site
2. a large flag representing their group
3. a small flag to be captured
4. at least one fighter, fencer, or archer

Other suggested things are:

A. a marshal or two.
B. waterbearers
C. a Field Herald
D. a Bard (to sing of your glories!)

RULES

1. Any group can attack another group at their fighter practice or event to try to take their flag.
2. You must call the group at least two days before you raid them so that they can prepare.
3. Bribes, negotiations, and truces are allowed.
4. To capture a flag you must go to another group and defeat them.
5. To reclaim a captured flag you must go to the group who captured it and defeat them on their own turf.
6. If a group that has captured other groups flags is defeated then all of the flags return to their home groups.
7. If your flag has been captured then you can not acquire other flags until you get yours back, but you can be allies in other groups' raids.
8. Whichever group captures all the other groups flags, wins the war.

A canton or college can fight for their barony or as a separate group if they desire.

WAR POINTS

The team who wins the best two out of three points wir the encounter. The defending army always gets to pic which scenario to do first. For heavies and lights:

(1) **Melees**

One or more melees can be fought in scenarios of th participants choosing i.e.., open, broken, bridge, castl etc. with the winning team receiving the war point. **Fo archers:** Both teams will complete a shot i.e., clou royal, IKAC, etc. and the team with the higher total poin receives the war point.

(2) **Champions Battle**

Each team will send forth their champion, warlor protector, etc. to do single combat. The winner wi receive one war point for their team. **For Archers:** champion from each team will compete against each oth in a Royal Archer Shot. The highest scorer will win th point for their team.

(3) **Attackers vs. Defenders**

Each team shall line up and the Attackers will send out challenger. The defenders will send someone out to me them, the winner of the fight goes back to their team an the loser sits out. Then the defenders send someone ou and the attackers meet their challenge. This happens unt everyone on your team has fought at least once and the you can start the next round with a new challenger. Th teams fight until one team runs out of fighters. The wi point goes to the winning team. **For Archers:** The archer will do the same as above except that they will do an archer duel. The winning team receives the war point.

I hope that everyone has fun with these challenges an that it encourages people to participate more over th summer. If we have any problems with the rules we ca always adjust them.

Always remember that we fight for fun, honor, glory, an with chivalry, and that these are the best of friends th we compete with. And when the time comes we will a join together to become a fierce, skilled, experienced arm for our kingdom.

See you on the field,

Sir Akira

Known World Arts & Sciences Symposium

Caerthe, April 18-19, XXXII

The Barony of Caerthe (Denver, CO) welcomes all to attend this years Known World Arts & Sciences Symposium to be held at Red Rocks Community College. A complete class schedule is available on the web site. Please keep checking though, because there may be last minute changes.

A block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn in Golden, CO. Please contact the Autocrat or the hotel, (303) 279-7611, for more information. The hotel is within 2 miles of the site. Holiday Inn will be providing free shuttle service to the college and the feast site. Crash space and merchanting are being coordinated by THLady Wyndylyn.

Courtesy pickup from Denver International Airport (DIA) can be arranged if made **IN ADVANCE**. Please notify Lady Marguerite when you make your reservations. Otherwise you will need to make your own arrangements. Plan early, a cab from DIA is $50 one-way!

There will be a feast at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds (minutes away from the site). This site is **DRY**. Reservations made in advance will guarantee you placecard seating, so guests will not have to worry about rushing to the feast site. Feast is limited to 250 people. The **Head Cook** is THL Tatiana assisted by the Dragonsspine Cooks Guild. Contact her by e-mail at tatiana@rialto.org or by phone at 719-532-1686 with any dietary restrictions. Merchants wishing to show their wares at the feastsite should contact Eleanor, (303) 789-3318.

The College will provide licensed daycare for children between 2 1/2 and 12 years old for a charge of approximately. $18 a day per child. **Please note that this is $18, not $12 as previously advertised.** Please let Lady Marguerite know when making reservations. Each child will need a bag lunch and a change of clothes. Children must have reservations to be enrolled in daycare.

Cost: The site fee is $5 per day ($10 for both days) and the feast fee is $7 , $3.50 for children under 12. There is no site fee for children under 12. Advance registration can be sent to Lady Marguerite d'lsere. If you leave voice-mail, please as detailed a message as possible. Cost at the door without advance reservations will be $6 a day for site and $10 for feast. Please make checks out to: **SCA-Caerthe. We earnestly ask as many people as possible to pre-pay their reservations.**

A special interest display is planned. We welcome contributions to an arts and sciences display. Also on display will be authentic medieval manuscripts including a 16th Century Choral Book (some of these items are for sale). Those interested in illumination should visit the event web site for another special guest who will be teaching at the event.

Complete regional amenities and sources will be available at troll or at the event web site:

http://www.pagan.net/~coyote/knownworld.htm

Directions to the site: From I-70 (west ofI-25 interchange): Take I-70 West to exit #262 (Colfax West Exit). Turn left and take Colfax to Indiana. Turn right on Indiana. Follow the signs to the College (along frontage road).

Directions to the hotel: From I-70 (west ofI-25 Interchange): Take West Colfax exit (#262). Head East. The hotel is on the left side of the street after the first light.

Graphical versions of these maps are available at the event web site. Please contact the Autocrat for more information about the event.

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Hospitaller (Chatelaine): Randall the Malcontent, (303) 750-8270

Instructors: Mistress Elaina de Sinistre(Mary Morman), 1245 Allegheny Drive, Colorado Springs CO 80919, (719)522-0387, elaina@rialto.org. **Please note that the class schedule is now full.**

Merchanting and Crash Space: THL Wyndylyn (Jean Hortman), 15912 East Lehigh Circle, Aurora CO 800113, (303) 680-1583

Reservations: Lady Marguerite d'lsere (Pearl Marquez), 1604 South Raleigh Street, Denver CO 80219, (303) 937-7318

Known World Arts & Sciences Symposium
Schedule of Classes

SATURDAY, 18 April

10 - 11 am
Baroness Octavia / Riding for the 16th Century Lady

10 am - noon
THL GiseleBarrentree / Double Faced Tablet Weaving
Duke Cariadoc and Mistress Elizabeth / Cooking from Period Sources
THL Sadhbh / Late Flemish & French Illumination
Lady Aurelia d'Ouessant / Ruffing It Up
Baroness Octavia / Riding for the 16th Century Lady
Lady Morgan Cely Cain / Copyright Law and the SCA

11 am - noon
Baroness Octavia / The Iberian Horse

Noon - 1 pm
Lady Morgan / Knitting and Crochet

1 - 2 pm
Lady Kateryn / Quilting in Period
Mistress Francesca / Period Obsession
Baron Niklos / Janissaries

1 - 3 pm
Mistress Lughbech / Making Bias Cut Trews
John Feldman / History of the Manuscript Book
THL Caelte / Bardic Performance

2 - 3 pm
Mistress Rosemounde / Early Medieval Nubia

2 - 5 pm
Lady Medhbh / Getting Started as a Scribe

3 - 4 pm
Lord Eric Thoralfsson / Period Calendar Pages

3 - 5 pm
THL Maeve Kelly de Navarre / Basic Embroidery
Lady Kateryn / Substituting Period Ingredients
Baroness Barbary / Medieval and Renaissance Tents
Lady Solveig / Cultural Crossroads - West meets East

4 - 5 pm
Lady Mor Fia-dubh / The Anatomy of Illumintated Drolleries

SUNDAY, 19 April

10 am - noon
THL Gisele Barrentree / Threaded-In Tablet Weaving
Duke Cariadoc and Mistress Elizabeth / Period Islamic Cooking
Ceasan MacCullum / Period Footware
Master Robin / Writing Poetry in Period Styles
Annaliska Svetlanov / Beginning and Intermediate Hardanger Embroidery

1 -2 pm
Lady Marged / A Survey of Pinked Garments

1 - 3 pm
Duke Cariadoc / Period Jewelry
Lady Aildhicinna / Courtliness in Dance
Lord Kevin the Fletcher / Basic Arrow Making
Known World Arts and Sciences Roundtable

2 -3 pm
THL Maeve Kelly de Navarre / Blackwork
THL Christiana / Everyday Elizabethan Clothing

3 - 5 pm
Lady Jadi Fatima / Persian and Turkish Costume
Lady Beatricia Mercante / Headpieces for the SCA
Mistress Ava / The History of Wool Production
Valentine Baylye / English Theatre to the Time of Shakespeare
Lady Arwen and Lord Robert / Period Games

NOTE BENE

This page contains the current schedule for the Known World Arts and Sciences Symposium, however, the schedule is still being adjusted and is subject to final changes. For the latest information on the schedule and the event, check the event web site at:

http://www.pagan.net/~coyote/knownworld.htm

From the Acting Rapier Marshal

Greetings to all, from Doña Ainrea MacCullaigh:

As of last Saturday, I am now the acting Rapier Marshal for the Outlands. Due to mundane conflicts, Don Ian of Nightsgate has resigned, and I will be holding the office until Their Majesties can review applications from those who desire the position. There will be something more official than this published in the *Outlandish Herald*, but I thought I would notify this list, so that the word can spread. Please inform your local rapier marshals (or knight marshals if they handle the rapier stuff) and rapier fighters.

Don Ian was, and will continue to be, an incredible resource for information about rapier fighting. I enjoyed serving as his deputy, and I wish to especially commend him for his efforts and strong, positive presence as the Outlands Rapier Marshal at the last two Estrella Wars.

I will be at the Unser Hafen Dance Collegium and Ball this Saturday, March 21st, and will be available to advise, authorize, and collect any suggestions anyone may have for the office. Their Excellencies, Master Thorfinn and Mistress Rosalind, have graciously provided space for this purpose.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Service to the Outlands,

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Rapier Marshal Applications

Candidates for the position of Kingdom Rapier Mashal are being sought. Please send application letters to the Kingdom Knight Marshal, Sir Haroun.

Cakes and Ale

During an examination one day at Cambridge University a bright young student popped up and asked the proctor to bring him Cakes and Ale. "I beg your pardon?" the proctor replied. The student repeated, "Sir, I request that you bring me Cakes and Ale." "Sorry, no." was the proctor's firm reply. The student however, persevered, "Sir, I really must insist. I request and require that you bring me Cakes and Ale."

At this point, the student produced a copy of the 400 year old Laws of Cambridge, written in Latin, and pointed to the section which read (roughly translated): "Gentlemen sitting examinations may request and require Cakes and Ale." Pepsi and hamburgers were judged the modern equivalent, and the student sat there, writing his examination and happily slurping away.

But fear not! Three weeks later the student was fined £5 for not wearing a sword to the examination.

Just in from Dragonsspine...

At the informal populace meeting that took place Friday night (March 27th) just before the Heralds and Scribes Collegium, Baron Maelmardane announced that he is stepping down as Baron of Dragonsspine. Her Majesty, Queen AnneAliz announced that she and His Majesty will be taking letters of intent from those willing to become the new Baron and/or Baroness unitl the 10th of April. Candidates must be members of the SCA living in Dragonsspine and familiar with kingdom and SCA law. Those acceptable to Their Majesties as candidates will be announced at the Dragonsspine fighting practice on Monday the 13th and a formal polling will be held on Friday, April 17th at Palmer Hall on the Colorado College campus. All paid members of the SCA residing in Dragonsspine are eligible and encouraged to appear. Anyone eligible to be polled but not able to attend can send a signed letter to Their Majesties expressing their opinions. The letter must include both SCA and mundane names and SCA membership number. Letters must be received by April 24th. E-mail is not acceptable for this purpose.

Lighting the Way

Courtesy of Iian Odlin
and various other sources

Q: How many Westerners does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Why would you want to do that? It's been just fine for the last 30 years!

Q: How many Calontiri does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: One hundred and two, but what a ceremony!

Q: How many Easterners does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Just one, but they have to take a vote first to decide who.

Q: How many Trimarians does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Leave it out, it was only attracting mosquitos anyway.

Q: How many Caidans does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Nobody knows. They can't figure out what to wear to change one.

Q: How many AnTir-folk does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Just one, but the new bulb had better be a halogen fog lamp!

Q: How many Atlantians does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: That depends, which household does it belong to?

Q: How many Midrealmers does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: They won't say until they've consulted the Curia Regis...

Q: How many Ansteorrans does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Was that a rattan lightbulb or a fencing lightbulb?

Q: How many Atenveldters does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Why bother, they prefer solar power anyway?

Q: How many Outlanders does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: If it's less than a 14 hour drive it's not worth changing!

Q: How many Lochac-folk does it take to screw in a lightbulb?
A: Just one, but it screws in counter-clockwise.

Q: How many Plattefordham folk does it take?
A: Nobody knows; noone outside Plattefordham has ever been up there long enough to see one lit...

Q: How many knights does it take to light a candle?
A: None, that is what pages and squires are for.

Q: How many squires does it take to change a candle?
A: It depends who's watching...

Q: How many Pelicans does it take to change a candle?
A1: Just one, but it takes years and years of hard workand dedication.
A2: None, It's O.K. I'll just sit here in the dark...
A3: ONE! I can DO IT MYSELF!! I don't need ANY HELP, OK?!!!!

Q: How many Laurels does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: None. The Laurelate has decided that it isn't really ready to be changed yet. Perhaps in another year the quality of its light will have deepened and matured.

Q: How many Norsemen does it take to light a candle?
A: Why bother with just a candle? There's a monastery just over the next hill.

Q: How many Byzantines does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Three, one to change the light bulb and one to confuse the issue.

Q: How many marshals does it take to light a lantern?
A: Light it? Heavens no! Hold! Fire is not allowed on the field and what's more that entire thing needs to be wrapped in foam and duct tape. It can only be used defensivly and doesn't that handle make it a flexible weapon...

Things Heraldic....

Below is a list of the Heralds of the Northern branches, contact information, and dates of regular heraldic meetings. If you have any corrections to this list, please inform the Weel Pursuivant, Lord Timothy O'Brien (Tim Buxton), 719-447-1773, tim@hemi.com.

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Submitting a Name and Device or, Why does it take so darn long, anyway?

by Lord Timothy O'Brien

All right! You're set, you've decided to pursue this SCA thing, and you've been told that you need to register a name and device. What, exactly, does all that mean?

You need a name by which you'll be called in the SCA. You can use your mundane name, or use something totally original, or feel free to combine the two. Begin thinking about the kind of name you'd like: should it be Irish, Scottish, Welsh, English, French, Spanish, German, Norse, Middle Eartern, northern Mediterranean, or Far Eastern? Should it have any special meaning? If you begin by knowing that you want a French name pertaining to falcons, you've made a good start.

Next, a device. In period, your device would be worn and displayed on the battlefield. It should, therefore, be simple enough to be recognized from afar. It should say, "Sir Bob is here!" in bold, neon letters.

With this in mind, think about a few elements ("charges") and colors ("tinctures") you'd like. Perhaps something blue and white with a tree and some stars? Hmm, I think I'd like to see a red boar on a gold background, inside a black frame. In particular, you want to place metallic (gold/yellow, silver/white) objects on colored (black, blue, red, purple, green) backgrounds, and vice versa.

Now that you have some ideas, you want to get together with a local herald to discuss your name and device. Many heralds hold regular meetings to assist with research on names and devices. You may also want to check your local library for useful historical sources. You are looking to demonstrate that your proposed name would have been commonly used by people in SCA period (anytime before A.D. 1600).

You can feel free to call yourself Snugglebunny the Pink (to steal from Master Louis-Philippe Mitouard), if you can show that everyday people would have had those two names ("Snugglebunny" and "the Pink"). A herald will assist you in the last step in the research process - verifying that Snugglebunny the Pink does not already exist as a registered SCA personality. After all, there can be only one true Snugglebunny the Pink. (One is quite enough!)

Similarly, your resident herald can help you be sure that your proposed device is well-formed and will appropriately announce your august presence. The herald will work with you to assure that your device will not be so similar to an existing registered device that you can't tell them apart. You want there to be no confusion when you arrive on the field.

The local herald will help you to make the appropriate copies of the correct forms for submission. From here, your forms will be sent to the Rampart Herald, Kingdom Deputy for Submissions. Rampart will send out a letter asking for commentary each month. After some deeper research to verify that your name and device are uniquely yours, a similar process will occur at the Society level, with response from the Laurel Sovereign of Arms. If all goes smoothly, you will receive a letter congratulating you on your newly registered name and/or device.

This whole process will sometimes take a year or more, unfortunately. Why are these darn heralds so slow? Let's give your local herald a month to gather submissions and mail them in to the kingdom. Rampart takes a month to get those submissions into a Letter or Presentation, mails these letters, and allows sixty days for our coments to get back to him. Assisting with research at a local commenting meeting is a great way to become invovled in heraldry.

The Rampart Herald will take about one month to gather his items and to pass those names and devices on to Laurel. Because of the very large number of submissions (200 plus!) received at the Laurel level each month, it takes about two months to organize and distribute the submissions, and two-to-three months to receive comments. Lastly, add one month to send acceptance letters to the various submitters and heralds, and we've spent about one year verifying that your name and device are, indeed, uniquely yours.

For further heraldry information, please see:

The Society's heraldry page: **http://www.sca.org**

The webpage of the Outlands College of Heralds, available at: **http://www.unm.edu/~kballar/outlands.html**

The Outlands Heralds' Handbook and *The Outlands Heraldic Submissions Handbook*, available from the Weel Pursuivant:

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Candlemas in Dragonsspine

by Lady Signy of Stavanger

Candlemas this year on February 7, 1998 was a day full of fun and surprises. Sally Bush Hall in Green Mountain Falls was newly cleaned, and decorated throughout the day in bright colors. I knew that I would be in for a great time since Lady Lillian was the autocrat, and Timothy O'Brien was in charge of the Feast with the Cooks Guild behind him. Their Majesties were there for the day, and as always were kind and gentle with everyone, and especially those receiving awards. Lady A'isha did a great job of keeping track of all the reservations for site and feast, and there were over 210 good gentles attending. I am sure of this number because Mirabelle had suggested tiny candles as site tokens and had helped make them at Mistress Gwyneth Maeve's house with Lizbeth, Lady Lillian, Lady A'isha, and me. We made 210 hoping that would be enough, but the last few people at the event had to go without them. I was a bit surprised that no one tried to burn them!

During the day there were games, classes, and " The Game" run by Baron Haroun where there were three teams of heavy fighters, and one sheep (a 50 lb sack of sand) and it was called a draw, so I guess the sheep won! The fencers were busy holding their own tourny where Don Tryffin won. Mirabelle did a fantastic job of providing fun and entertainment for the children attending, and she set up the Children's processional during Second Court before feast, and the song "The More We Get Together" sung for their Majesties and Baron Maelmarden was very touching. Everyone was moved by their sweet voices.

During First Court there were several surprises that set the tone for the rest of the day. Timothy O'Brien was called out of the kitchen for Baron Dane's court and received a well deserved Gentle Dragon. Lady Illana was then made a Companion of the Scales of Dragonsspine, one of the few awards she had actually been able to receive in person. The next surprise was when I was called into court and received a Gentle Dragon too, and then Clare de Saye was called up for her Gentle Dragon! Forrester was then made a Companion of the Dragon's Vanguard. During Their Majesties court Lady Lillian was inducted into the Order of the Argent Hart, and Damon was given his Award of Arms!

Several Kingdom awards were given out during a short second Court, and then the wonderful feast. During Feast we were all entertained by several presentations - singing, a play written by Lord James Qui Connait and performed by our own Thespian Guild, and more songs. Bedlam Abby was there too, and it made for a very enjoyable time.

After Feast there were more surprises. Timothy O'Brien was called into Their Majesties' Court for a second time, having no idea that he was going to be given his Award of Arms. Surprise again when Lady Africa was called up to accept her Award of Arms! THL Iannan, having not heard the name before, called for this good gentle to present "his or herself" before the Crown. The Queen, in a brilliant comeback, told Africa that she could become a Lord or Lady, at her choosing.

Then Volker AElfwine was called into Court and a collective "Yes!" was heard from the populace. He was presented his Award of Arms and after proceeding to the back of the hall hugged everyone in sight, and was so happy that he could now go to Estrella War as Lord Volker. Surprise again when Endymion (Demi to his friends and even casual acquaintances) was called into court and presented with his Award of Arms. At that time a collective "Finally!" was heard. I had been congratulating Volker and was quietly talking to a friend when the room went suddenly silent, and I heard "Signy ... SIGNY!" and looked up to see the entire room looking at me, with the whole court waiting ... for me. I hurried to the front with Lord Timothy escorting me, and the biggest surprise of all - I was given an Award of Arms too! It really was an event full of fun and surprises, and one that I will remember for a very long time.

The Candlemas Feast

prepared by Lord Timothy and the Dragonsspine Cooks Guild

On the Table
Bread, Cheeses,
Fruits, Nuts, Butter

Course the First:
Salted roast of beef with peppercorns
Sawse Cameline & Sauce Aliper
Boiled spinach sallet
Mushroom cheese pasties
Lemons strewn with sugar

Course the Second:
Birdies Pie
Pickled Mushrooms
Baked Apples
Spiced Wine Custard

Fashions that Kill

by Lord Volker AElfwine

Gather close around the fire as I teach you the lesson I learned at Estrella XIV. The rapier forces of Atenveldt instructed me in the finer points of fashion on the field, or what happens when your not just another sword in the army.

No shit, there I was, one of the few, proud members of the Mourning Glory, one of the greatest ships ever to sail under the banner of the Outlands. (Shameless plug, I know, but after all, it is a rapier household) It was Saturday morning at Estrella XIV, and the army of the green and gold made ready to fight to the last man. Although the Mourning Glory made up a full quarter of the Outlands Rapier Force, the Outlands side was outnumbered 2 to 1 by the Atenveldt team. This meant, simply, more people to kill.

To fully grasp what my story is getting to, let me first explain my armor. My jacket is a knee length long coat made of an arabesque pattern of bright silver circles and designs on a black field. To top this, my helmet is a reproduction of an English lobster tail pot. This sets me apart then from the one color jackets, slash doublets, and three weapon masks that dominated the field. And to add to this, I carry a buckler that is covered in a very distinct zebra pattern fabric. All this made me out to be, well, a target.

After winning the first battle that served as more of a warm-up than anything else (it only lasted a couple minutes) we moved on to a bridge. The scenario was simple, fight to the last man. Lay-on was called, and we moved into position. My place was near the back ranks, to await the more serious fighting to begin. Swords flurried back and forth, and time began to slow down. No one moved. An eternity would pass before some fool would move into range of his opposite and die. Hours seemed to pass before attrition moved me into the front ranks. So there I stood, a big silver guy with a huge bar-code of a shield facing the Atenveldt horde. I could almost see the eyes of my enemies, at least ten pairs of them, all riveted on me, waiting for me to misstep and fall on their waiting swords. But ahh, it was not I who moved wrong, as three of their number fell, one after another, in a couple deft turns of the wrist and pokes to their heads. That must have taught them, because their response was to fall back into a defensive position and wait.

Now I am sure that there are some hard suited rattan swingers out there wondering what was the wait. Crash on in, break them up. Ah, but understand that each of these gentles held swords that are an inch wide and three and a half feet long, all waiting to provide me with more ventilation then I would like. Rapier dueling is a defensive game of wit, sweat and steel.

This wait was steadfast and Boring! After ten minutes of standing around, I decided that a little coaxing was in order. What began as offers of quick deaths and invitations to fight soon moved to blatant references to poultry and questions about the funny yellow stripes that seemed to run down the fighters backs. Quiet grumbles were the only answers to my taunts. Time then came to pull out the big guns, so to speak. Several of my finest jokes came into play, like "What do you call 500 men, screaming in terror and running toward Mexico? Atenveldters." These opened the floodgates of my companions, and soon the generals on the other side had to do their level best to contain and/or tie down the steaming forces that threatened to charge in to the fray. A time later I died, and a very loud and exuberant cheer went up from the opposing side.

All thanks to Blue Company, that battle, too, was won, and the third battle was a textbook example of tactics on the field, as we romped on our fair opponents, winning the three battles necessary in the first three fights. But, as we felt bad to have beaten them so, and that we were all dressed up anyway, we continued the scenarios. Now also, we come to my lesson. The next battle was in a doorway, and I was on my knees, dead center, waiting for trouble. My wait was not long. Out across the ranks of the Atenveldt forces I could see my fate, in the guise of six fighters who, strangely enough, were pointing at the brightly dressed, zebra shielded fighter kneeling in the center of the door who had recently made a series of bad jokes about their relationship to poultry. They were pointing at me! "Oh boy" I thought to my self. A minute later a swarm of rapierists descended, charged forward, ready to convert me into an assortment of sushi. It was all I could do to fall backwards and let my allies push back. I then was able to rise back up and catch at least one on the rebound. My lesson came that day, shooting down the fingertips of my enemies. My fashions nearly became my death sentence.

That is my tale. The lesson is that if you stand out in a crowd, not only will you be remembered, but sought after by men with swords and evil grins whose goal is to make you plant food.

An Evening with the Engineers

by Lord Timothy O'Brien

On Friday evening, February 27th, I had the great pleasure to attend the annual Engineers' Feast at the College of Schola Metallorum. The event was held in a downstairs ballroom on campus, and I was immediately struck with the beauty of the hall, including a sweeping staircase perfect for thrones (good gentles looking for a site to hold a large Baronial or Kingdom event-- or any event-- look no further!).

The feast for the evening was Russian winter fare. Lady Rivka and her kitchen staff produced a wonderful meal from what they claimed was a small and difficult kitchen. The feast began with bread, butter, and cheeses, including provolone, which we don't often see at events. Borscht, a Russian soup involving beef, onions, and beets, was served with sour cream, as were cheese blintzes and ginger-glazed carrots. Lastly, a thin-sliced roast beef under sauteed mushrooms concluded an excellent meal.

We were fortunate enough to be entertained by musicians before and after the meal. At the conclusion of the feast, the College presented awards to some of its hardworking members, appointing four gentlemen to the Schola Metallorum Honor Guard, and granting two gentles the rights and priveleges of Companions of the Dead Canary, a service award for assisting newcomers. The autocrat was kind enough to explain the name to us: canaries would be carried into the mine by miners. If the canary perished, conditions were not healthy, and the miner should exit immediately.

Games of the evening involved the design and blazoning of a heraldic device, period trivia, and the building of model seige towers from toothpicks and candy. One young lord managed to win a hard-fought battle of musical chairs, complete with live (and sometimes teasing) musicians.

The gentles of Schola Metallorum were exquisitely gracious and put on a very fine event. I hope everyone will make the effort to pack that hall (we estimated 150 possible seats!) for next year's event.

In the Beginning...

Some foolery at the court at Candlemas made me begin thinking back about what the very early SCA was like. I hope you will enjoy this poem by Mistress Dorothea of Caer-Myrddin (who didn't join the SCA until the ***second*** tournament). I hope that we may always strive to keep the candle burning in the Outlands. Elaina de Sinistre

There was a young man said to me,
A riddle let me ask:
How many people of the West
Must gather to the task
To light a single candle,
No brighter than the sun?
At that I laughed and said to him,
We need not even one.

Our candle has been burning since the Tale of Years began;
Diana in her courtyard, she lit it with her hand;
Oh, guard this shining candle, and never let it fade:
It lights a land of glory that we ourselves have made.

One merry May-Day morning,
While all the bells did chime,
Our fingers sifted history
Like fragrant beds of thyme;
Discarding plague and hatred,
We gathered up the rest:
Oh, wonderful to tell! that day
The sun rose in the West.

Since Herald knelt for Knighthood,
Since crossbow challenged shield,
Since Henrik rode in hauberk
Across a verdant field,
Since times half-lost in legend
Until the final day,
We cherish visions that have been
And will not fade away.

We know wherefrom we're coming,
We know whereto we go.
Our path is made on level ground,
And who we are we know.
Our rightful King we follow
Through tempest, fire, and night;
We see the vision clearly
And are guided by its light.

Unser Hafen Dance Collegium

by Countess Berengaria

Saturday, March 21, A.S. XXXII saw a great crowd of dancers, gamers, fencers, feasters and revellers gather at the Larimer County Fairgrounds for a day filled with fun, learning, fun, short courts!, fun and more fun. On hand, lending Her gracious presence to the occasion, was our Ban-Righ, AnneAliz de Bale.

Lady Catriona and Lady Aildhicinna of the Barony of Unser Hafen and the Canton of Bofharrach respectively taught three sessions of dance classes mingling the familiar, Gathering Peascods, with the new, such as *La Regina* and Parson's Farewell. Gaming boards and tables were never without at least a few players. Doña Ainrea McCullough, the Outlands' interim Marshal of Fence, made the trip up from al-Barran for the occasion and authorized a number of new authorizing fencing marshals-check with your local fencing marshal or seneschal to find out who's new in your area! Also making the trip north in (for once) glorious spring weather were other honored guests, Duke Koris Natterhelm and Duchess Leah Kasmira of Natterhelm and Her Majesty's Steward, Lady Emma of Essex.

Lunch was a choice of mouth-watering soups provided by Mistress Meriel, along with various other gnoshies from a buffet table. Courts saw the presentation of many awards to deserving gentles from the Barony of Unser Hafen-sadly, this correspondent was not able to note all of them, but they included the admission of Takashige into both the Order of the Golden Ring of the Barony of Unser Hafen and the Argent Heart of the Outlands; the admission of Sir Kevin MacKinnon, Baroness Llamrei, Sir Titus, and Master Giovanni to the Order of the Venerable Guard; and the climax of Royal court, the offering of admission into the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Pelican by Her Majesty to Syr Deotrich Hiltipard of the Barony of Unser Hafen. Congratulations are in order also to Lord Conan, who concluded his first tour of duty as a court herald with a minimum of pain, and some very difficult scrolls to read!

The feast was delicious, varied, and came with its own helpful recipe book; the chief cook was Mistress Theresea die Tanzerin, who when called into court, thanked all of her assistant cooks by name. As promised, once the feast had been served and court was concluded, dancing began in earnest. This year, there was a veritable host of live musicians who played for almost every dance; Master Crispin ably led the consort through some incredible feats of musicianship, including playing a very fast and seemingly endless Maltese bransle. There were some weary embouchures by the time the evening was concluded! The dancers processed in no particular order to the Presence and then opened the ball with the Earl of Salisbury Pavane. Dancing then progressed through many of the dances covered in class that day, with breaks for old favorites such as Hole in the Wall and Road to the Isles.

An after-revel was held at Wellmark, the home of Baron Thorfinn and Baroness Rosalind. Clean-up was concluded by Titus and Llamrei's household, who observed the tradition of removing their shirts to wash dishes (er, I think we're talking squires here, not the gracious Baroness Llamrei) and singing in the kitchen. It was reported to me by reliable witnesses (I left to fire up the after-revel and break out the boxed wine, so I missed the kitchen extravaganza) that the task of dishwashing took longer than anticipated, so the crew ran through their usual repertoire and entered the realm of show tunes. Thanks to all who participated in this often thankless task.

Good show, Sir Akira! Good show, Barony of Unser Hafen! Dance Collegium was its usual staggering success, and we look forward to next year!

April Celebration

11 April, A.S. XXXII

Come celebrate April with a tournament or two!

Join us informally for a heavy and a light tournament with prizes supplied by Le Comapnie d'Grail (Giovanni and Cainnleach). Following the tournament and training there will be an after-revel. All are invited to pring a pot-luck dish, bring a drum, dance, and enjoy the evening.

When: April 11th, noon until late

Where: Grail House
2733 Flintridge Drive, Colorado Springs, CO

Directions: From I-25, take the Woodmen Road exit (Exit 149) and take Woodmen east to Academy Blvd. Go south on Academy to Flintridge and turn right (west). The house is on the left hand side. From other parts of Colorado Springs, take Academy Blvd. north and turn left (west) at Flintridge.

For more information, contact Giovanni at 719-266-1137.

Ladies Terrorist and MahJongg Society of Dragonsspine

You don't have to be a Lady or a Terrorist to join with us to learn this wonderful, very period, Asian game. We meet from 2pm until 10pm at the home of Mistress Elaina and usually break sometime around sixish for a pot luck dinner. Instruction is provided, home-printed Mah Jongg money is provided, and hangers-on and kibbitzers are welcome. (It's also a great time to check out Kay and Elaina's library and pattern collection...) The April meeting will be held **Sunday, April 12th** (bring your Easter baskets!) and the May meeting will be held **Sunday, May 17th**. Phone ahead for more information (although there really isn't any more...) to Elaina at 719-522-0484.

Directions: Take I-25 to the Woodmen Road exit (Exit 149) and go west for six stoplights. Turn right on Allegheny Drive and follow the road uphill over six speedbumps. "1245" is the third house on the left after the last speedbump. Arms are on the mailbox.

Glory (Feats of Heroes)

17-20 July, A.S. XXXIII

The Barony of Unser Hafen invites gentles from far and wide to partake of a unique mixture of fighting and merriment, song and swords, as we transform the Pawnee Grasslands into the Current Middle Ages. Team melees, heavy fighter games and tourneys, rapier and archery tourneys will be matched with war drums competition, select classes, and bardic circles to make the weekend of July 17 - 20, AS XXXIII a experience for the ages. Activities for the younger gentles will include a boffer tourney as well as the chance to have a chivalrous warrior wear their favor and fight in their honor. The Hungry Heroes Inn will feature fine foods for famished fighters at reasonable prices (with late night milk & cookies for the young at heart). Fight till you drop, and revel where you fall!

The site is wet (period containers preferred). Drinking water, toilets in permanent structures, good shade, and excellent campsites abound. Site is limited, so reservations are suggested. (No limits on day-trippers.) Fires must be contained and above ground, and drumming must cease at 10:00 p.m. All pets must remain leashed at all times. Be prepared for instant weather changes, and insect repellent may be a good idea.

Site fee: Not yet set. Check the next newsletter.

Directions: Take I-25 to Fort Collins, Exit 269A (in Unser Hafen). Go east on Highway 14 past Ault to mile marker 176 and turn left. Almost immediately you will turn left again into the site entrance.

Site opens at noon, Friday, July 17 and closes at noon, Monday, July 20. The extra evening should provide ample time for hordes of N.S.T.I.W. stories and relaxed camaraderie.

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Merchants are welcome and encouraged! Contact Owain ap Maredudd (Charles Buckley); 900 Bitterbrush Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80526; (970) 282-8987; **e-mail** buckley@colorado.edu

Feast of Fools

Tygre's Keep, April 4, XXXII

Greetings good Gentles! The time has drawn nigh for fun, foolery and feasting again at Tygre's Keep. This year's Feast of Fools event will be held April 4th, 1998, from 10 am to 11 pm. The day will consist of a fencing tournament, a fighting tournament, and games to be held in the hall for those not partaking of the fighting. The evening will supply grand entertainment with the Fool's Court, and the Rose Petal Feast, as prepared by Lord Timothy O'Brien. Reservations for feast will be limited to 80, first-come, first-served, so get them while they last! Prizes will be awarded to those brave and strong enough to overcome the challenges of the day. Please make checks payable to SCA-Tygre's Keep.

Directions: Take your best route to exit 143 (Uintah) on I-25. Head east on Uintah, up the hill. At the light at the intersection of Cascade and Uintah, turn right onto Cascade. Head south for half a block. A driveway will be found on your right, just beyond a round brick building. Turn in there and follow the road around to the south of a whitish brick building. At the bottom of the hill on the left of the circle is a large old building, this is Bemis Hall, and will be the site for the feast, and will be open all day. Parking is available in the lots adjacent to Bemis Hall, and additional parking can be found on Cache la Poudre and Nevada Avenue.

Parking is illegal on Cascade. If you receive a ticket from the campus security for parking, see the autocrat and it will be cleared, however we are powerless against the actions of the Colorado Springs City Police.

The site is dry, with no pets allowed. For more information, or reservations, please contact the autocrat.

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For those with food allergies or dietary restrictions, please contact the Master of the Feast: Lord Timothy O'Brien (Timothy Buxton) at the above address and phone number, or **email:** tbuxton@goedel.cc.colorado.edu.

Masque Ball IV

Windkeep, April 25, XXXII

The Shire of Windkeep invites all to come and join in our merriment on Saturday, the 25th day of April, AS XXXII (1998), for Masque Ball IV. Many silly and frivolous activities are scheduled. Bring a mask, or be prepared to make one there. Prizes will be awarded for the best mask brought, and the best mask made on site. The royalty of misrule will be chosen by chance. Armored fighting and fencing, fun and games will be held according to weather and interest.

Site fee will be $5.00. Reservations for feast and site are strongly encouraged. We plan to serve the feast to the first 100 paid reservations. Prepaid reservations (site and feast) are $10.00 before the 6th of April. After the 6th of April the site and feast fee, space available, will be $12.00 and must be confirmed by the autocrat. Young ones (6-12) are half price. Little ones (5 and under) are free.. Limited sideboard seating available. Feast to consist of various foods of the participants of the Crusades (in other words what could be stolen). Contact the Master of the Kitchen concerning dietary restrictions.

Windkeep is participating in "Toys for Tots" and the donation of each new unwrapped toy will generate a fee reduction of $1.00. The site opens at noon, closes at midnight, with feast starting at 6:00 p.m. It is discreetly wet (remove your containers, no hard liquor).

Directions: The site is Cheyenne Sheriff's Posse Clubhouse, 9141 Yellowstone Road. Take your best way to Cheyenne, Wyoming. From north-bound I-25, take exit 13, Vandehei to the east (right). Continue on Vandehei Drive to Yellowstone Road (dead-end "T") and turn north (left). Go north on Yellowstone Road for 1.5 miles to the site access road just before Riding Club Road. Turn east (right) and follow the signs; the clubhouse is centered in the 15 acre corner of Yellowstone and Riding Club roads.

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Hinterland Three Man Team Heavy Weapons Tournament

Hinterland, May 2, 1998

In ancient Outlands history, there was a tradition of team tournaments. Join us in Hinterland for this unique test of your small unit tactics. Choose your companions carefully and assemble your most formidable team. No team members? Fear not! Impromptu team assembly is encouraged. This will be a double elimination. No weapons over six feet long will be allowed.

There will be a simple feast in classic Hinterland tradition after the tourney.

The site opens at 10:00 a.m., armor inspections start at noon, and the tourney starts PROMPTLY at 1:00 p.m. The site closes at 10:00 p.m.

Fees: Site is $3.00, Feast is $5.00. Please make checks payable to **Shire of Hinterland**. Reservations are requested by April 25, but are not absolutely mandatory. If we know you are coming, it would help our planning a lot.

Site: Camp Kiwanis, located in Scottsbluff, NE, between the Riverside Zoo and the North Platte River. Find your way to Scottsbluff, and the Zoo entrance is roughly 1/4 mile West of the intersection of Highway 71 (North-South) and South Beltline in Scottsbluff. It is the same site we have used for the last few Dragons' Quests. It is discreetly wet.

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Royal Archer Tournament

May 23 - 25, 1998

The Fifth Royal Archer Tournament will once again be held concurrently at **Brigand's Bizarre** and Grand Outlandish to accommodate the maximum possible number of entrants.

In order to compete, an archer must:

1. Be a current paid member of the Society for Creative Anachronism in the Kingdom of the Outlands, and provide proof of membership at the time of the tournament.

2. Be a Kingdom ranked archer (Yeoman, Forester, or Bowmaster),

   OR

   if recognized and recorded as an Outlands Bowman, may shoot in a Qualifying Round held prior to the Royal Archer Tournament.

   New or Novice archers are not allowed to compete for the position of Royal Archer.

3. Use SCA legal archery equipment.

Any archer ranked Yeoman, Forester, or Bowmaster may compete in the SUNDAY Tournament without shooting in the Qualifying Round to be held on SATURDAY at each location.

Any archer ranked Bowman may shoot in the Qualifying Round on SATURDAY to achieve the Kingdom rank of Yeoman or above (a Royal Round score of 45 or over). This is the only opportunity for an archer to become a Kingdom ranked (Yeoman) archer with only one qualifying score.

The position has been established by tradition to be held for one year, thus providing an excellent opportunity for the Royal Archer to be in Court through all of the major events where the Outlands is represented.

In service to the Outlands,

THL Peregrine Elric of Courtenay
Archer General of the Outlands

Brigands Bizarre 10

Dragonsspine, May 22-24,1998

T minus 10 and counting backwards to the LAST Brigands Bizarre. Come celebrate the tenth anniversary of this Memorial weekend event May 22nd through May 24th.

The site [T minus 9 and counting] is Pawnee National Grasslands. The site has excellent drinking water, permanent non-flush toilets, abundant camping/fighting space, and shade. Fires must be contained above ground and a fire extinguisher is always a good idea. Dogs must remain leashed at all times. The site is wet (period containers preferred) - be prepared for any and all types of weather. Make checks payable to: SCA-Dragonsspine. Site fee is $3.50 for children 6-14 years and adults are $7. You do not need a reservation.

T minus 8 and counting battle scenarios are planned for each day to liven your heart and your blade. Heavy weapons contests will include combat archery and missile/siege weaponry. Fencers, be prepared to run the same gauntlet as the heavy fighters. Archers remember, rounds will be shot and scored for Kingdom Royal Archer.

To honor this momentous occasion, some of your old favorites will return to the Bizarre. Their Excellencies, Sir Haroun and Lady Dovita will be your Autocrats for the [T minus] 7th time. Embrace the bizarreness of this event by making your own stick beast. Slog through swaps, battle through tunnels, and wreck havoc on your opponents from chariots.

A pot luck feast will be served in the picnic area on Saturday eve. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share which will feed [T minus] 6 and counting starving fighters. Feast fee is a mere $3.

The Barony of Dragonsspine will celebrate its milestone of hosting this auspicious event for the [T minus] 5th time. Court will be held at the baron's whim. Join our barony for Happy Hour on Friday eve where we will toast and spin yarns of Brigands past glories.

Site will open Friday, May 22nd at T minus 4 (p.m.) and counting. Anyone arriving on-site prior to the Autocrats will be tithed one bottle for the barony's Happy Hour and will be enslaved by the Autocrats for site set-up to include their personal pavilion!!!

T minus 3 lucky SCAdians will be chosen for their displays of chivalry, acts of courage, and best use and inspiration of their hand-crafted stick beast - you do not have to be a combatant to participate in this contest. Drag out your remnant material and let your imagination run Bizarre. The judges identities will be kept a secret until Sunday, however, time spent astride your stick beast will be watched closely!!!

For the [T minus] 2nd year, Brigands and Merchants teams will be chosen in a manner that allows households/ships to fight together. There will be new battles, as well as some of the old favorite fighting scenarios. Fighting, fencing, and archery will all be integral components for determining the weekend's victor. Bring your combat archery and other missiles. Fighting will start at 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

To commemorate this renegade event's last HUZZAH, a Brigands Bizarre book is being compiled. The [T minus 1] book will be available at the troll booth and everyone is invited to contribute stories for publication. Also, due to mass pressure, we are currently investigating a commemorative T-shirt which will be for sale (prices as yet determined).

Tons of prizes will be bestowed on our guests. Stay tuned to your local newsletter and subscribe to the Outlands List for more details on contests and battle scenarios.

Directions: Take I-25 to Exit 269-A (near the Barony of Unser Hafen). Go east on Highway 14 (past Ault) to mile marker 176 and turn left. Hang another left at the camel crossing.

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Cavalier Holiday II

Caerthe, May 31, 1998

Once again the cavalier attitude will be in full flower. Lawn games of croquet and bocce ball are planned. Cooled drinks, teas, lemonade, and water; and cakes and fruit will be served in abundance. I will be reserving the picnic shelter again this year so there should be no worries about a moment or two of inclement weather (we laugh at tornado warning sirens). There will again be a search for the most cavalier garb, the best non-cavalier garb, most sumptuous picnic and most decadent picnic; and any other 'best' or 'most' whim that take the Autocrat's fancy. Please note that we will be frolicking on the last Sunday in May instead of waiting for June. Don't worry, this is not the Memorial Day weekend.

Event times: 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Site Fee: $4.00 Adults; children, $3.00.

Site: Berkeley Park, in Denver, the corner of Tennyson & 46th, just east of Lakeside Amusement Park.

Amenities: This is a damp site, beer must be in non-glass containers. Parking will be available in the park and on the street. No parking in the mortuary lot across the street.

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Covering The Norn

This month's cover is a photo taken by Mistress Elaina at the Unser Hafen Dance Collegium. She took a whole roll of film, but the delightful picture of Their Excellencies Thorfinn and Rosalind was by far the best shot. We hope that they enjoy seeing it!

If you have a photo from an SCA event that you think would make a good cover for The Norn, send a color or black and white print to Mary Morman at the address to the right. Please include your SCA name, your mundane name and address, the date and event where the photo was taken, and the names of everyone in the photo.

Who's Doing This Newsletter?

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We have made a commitment to publish six bi-montly issues. At the end of that one year period we will reconsider whether there is a need or desire for *The Norn* to continue, and whether or not we will begin accepting subscriptions.

And How Do I Get It?

We are not taking subscriptions at this time, but will be happy to add anyone who would like to receive *The Norn* to our mailing list. It's free. There is no charge. If you would like to donate cash or stamps or catnip, contact any of the people listed above.

To start receiving *The Norn*, send your name and address (SCA name and group would be nice, too!) to either the e-mail or postal mail address listed below.

How to be Part of *The Norn*

We would love to print more photos, event reports, and group commentaries (like the Plattefordham Pleasantries, and the Dragonsspine Doings)! We would like to print letters to the editor, and guest editorials. We would like to publish longer event articles and maps than the *Outlandish Herald* may have room for. If you would like to help, send things for publication in *The Norn* by e-mail to:

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	AR	BF	CG	CA	DR	DB	HI	PL	UH	WK
Aarquelle (AR)		175	139	111	43	258	321	385	175	211
BoFharrach (BF)	175		55	64	133	100	158	225	31	50
Caer Galen (CG)	139	55		27	97	138	201	265	47	91
Caerthe (CA)	111	64	27		70	146	209	274	64	100
Dragonspine (DR)	43	133	97	70		216	279	343	133	169
Duthaich Beinne Aird (DB)	258	100	138	146	216		161	147	64	52
Hinterland (HI)	321	158	201	209	279	161		173	153	111
Plattefordham (PL)	385	225	265	274	343	147	173		217	175
Unser Hafen (UH)	175	31	47	64	133	64	153	217		44
Windkeep (WK)	211	50	91	100	169	52	111	175	44	

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